



Exploring the Certified Currency Plate Proofs



Philippine Islands Silver Certificate Examples



March 14-1906. 21668

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I would include "Currency" in the quote below:

There is nothing more fascinating than collecting coins, all history is summed up in them...they are the story of humanity.

W.H. Valentine (1856-1927)

Thank you again for making this possible!

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The museum has a program called the Friends of the NNC that provide funds to various digitization and education projects that are a priority for the numismatic community and the department.

If you would like more information about the program you can find it here: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/giving/friends-of-numismatics>

Please contact me at Chris@CurrencyProofs.com with feedback.

Visit www.CurrencyProofs.com for project updates.

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Enlarged 11x17 bookplates are available.

Overview of the Smithsonian's 2014 "Rapid Capture" digitization program.

The National Numismatic Collection began a pioneering "Rapid Capture" digitization process in October 2014. The project was designed to digitize the certified proof sheets from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing collection. The proofs were transferred to the National Numismatic Collection from the 1960s and 1980s. The scanning process utilized a conveyor belt system with a huge 80 megapixel image camera to capture the items as quickly as possible. The process was much more effective compared to the older way using just a flatbed scanner. The Rapid Capture group photographed around 3,500 sheets daily. It cost less than a dollar a sheet. It was completed in only four and a half months. This project establishes a valuable resource for currency researchers and students.

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS SILVER CERTIFICATE PLATE PROOF CENSUS – 1903-1916

Engraved and Printed by the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Civil Governor: W(illiam) H(oward) Taft [July 4, 1901 to Dec. 1903] Treasurer: Frank A. Branagan [April 16, 1901 to March 31, 1909]

Governor General: Luke E. Wright in office February 1, 1904 – April 1, 1906] Treasurer: Frank A. Branagan

Governor General: Henry C(lay) Ide [In office 11-1905 (acting) and April 1, 1906 to Sept. 19, 1906] Treasurer: Frank A. Branagan

1903	Total # of Plate Proofs	Taft / Branagan	Wright / Branagan	Ide / Branagan
2 pesos, face	14	6	8 (3 altered, 5 new)	
2 pesos, back	6			
2 pesos, tint	6			
5 pesos, face	14	6	8 (3 altered, 5 new)	
5 pesos, back	4			
5 pesos, tint	4			
10 pesos, face	14	4	5	5
10 pesos, back	4			
10 pesos, tint	5			
1905	Total # of Plate Proofs	Taft / Branagan	Wright / Branagan	Ide / Branagan
20 pesos, face	8		8	
20 pesos, back	8			
20 pesos, tint	8			
50 pesos, face	2		2	
50 pesos, back	2			
50 pesos, tint	2			
100 pesos, face	1		1	
100 pesos, back	1			
100 pesos, tint	1			
500 pesos, face	1		1	
500 pesos, back	1			
500 pesos, tint	1			

Governor General: James F(rancis) Smith [in office September 20, 1906 – November 11, 1909] Treasurer: Frank A. Branagan

Gov. General: W. Cameron Forbes [in office Nov. 11, 1909 - Sept. 1, 1913] Treasurer: J(ohn) L. Barrett [April 19, 1909 to April 9, 1912]

Governor General: W(illiam) Cameron Forbes Treasurer: J(eremiah) L. Manning [April 12, 1912 to June 11, 1916]

Governor General: Francis Burton Harrison [in office 1913 to 1921] Treasurer: J. L. Manning

Governor General: Francis Burton Harrison Treasurer: A(lbert) P. Fitzsimmons [June 12, 1916 to May 31, 1919]

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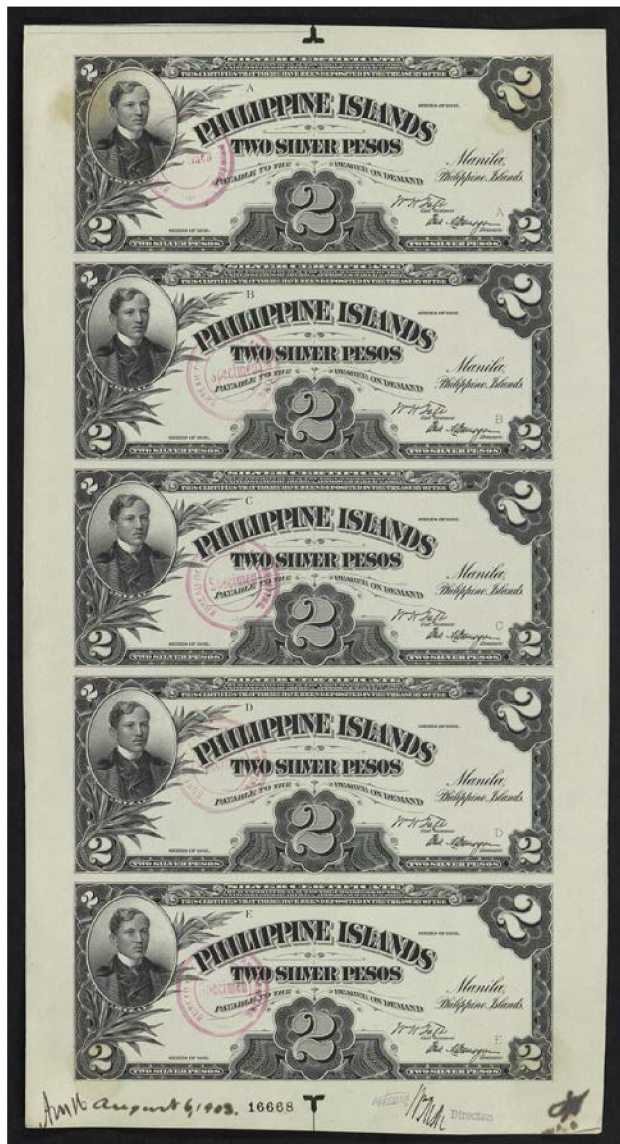
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2 pesos, face	90	15	7 (5 alt)	11 (1 alt)	21 (5 alt)	36 (5 alt)
2 pesos, back	36	11		1	16	8
2 pesos, tint	18	10			8	
500 pesos, face	4	1	1			2 (1 altered)
500 pesos, back	1					
500 pesos, tint	1					
1908	Total # of Plate Proofs	Smith / Branagan	Forbes / Barrett	Forbes / Manning	Harrison / Manning	Harrison / Fitzsimmons
20 pesos, face	25	4	4	4 (2 alt)	4	9 (4 alt)
20 pesos, back	9					9
20 pesos, tint	0					
1910	Total # of Plate Proofs	Smith / Branagan	Forbes / Barrett	Forbes / Manning	Harrison / Manning	Harrison / Fitzsimmons
5 pesos, face	52		8	6 (4 alt)	10 (4 alt)	28 (3 alt)
5 pesos, back	20		4	8		8
5 pesos, tint	3		3			
1912	Total # of Plate Proofs	Smith / Branagan	Forbes / Barrett	Forbes / Manning	Harrison / Manning	Harrison / Fitzsimmons
10 pesos, face	33		3	4 (1 alt)	8 (4 alt)	18 (2 alt)
10 pesos, back	13			5	8	
10 pesos, tint	1			1		
1916	Total # of Plate Proofs	Smith / Branagan	Forbes / Barrett	Forbes / Manning	Harrison / Manning	Harrison / Fitzsimmons
50 pesos, face	1					1
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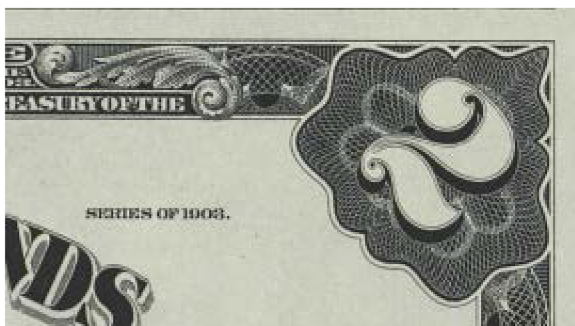
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Silver Certificates (1903 – 1916)

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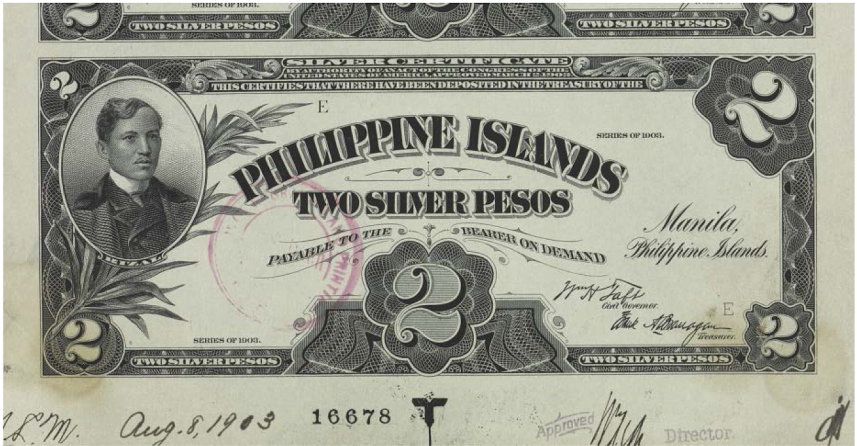
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Silver Certificates (1903 – 1916)

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2 Peso, front



2 Peso, reverse



2 Peso, tint

Silver Certificates (1903 – 1916)				
Series/Year	Demonination	Front	Reverse	Tint
1903	2 Pesos	14	6	6
	5 Pesos	14	4	4
	10 Pesos	14	4	5



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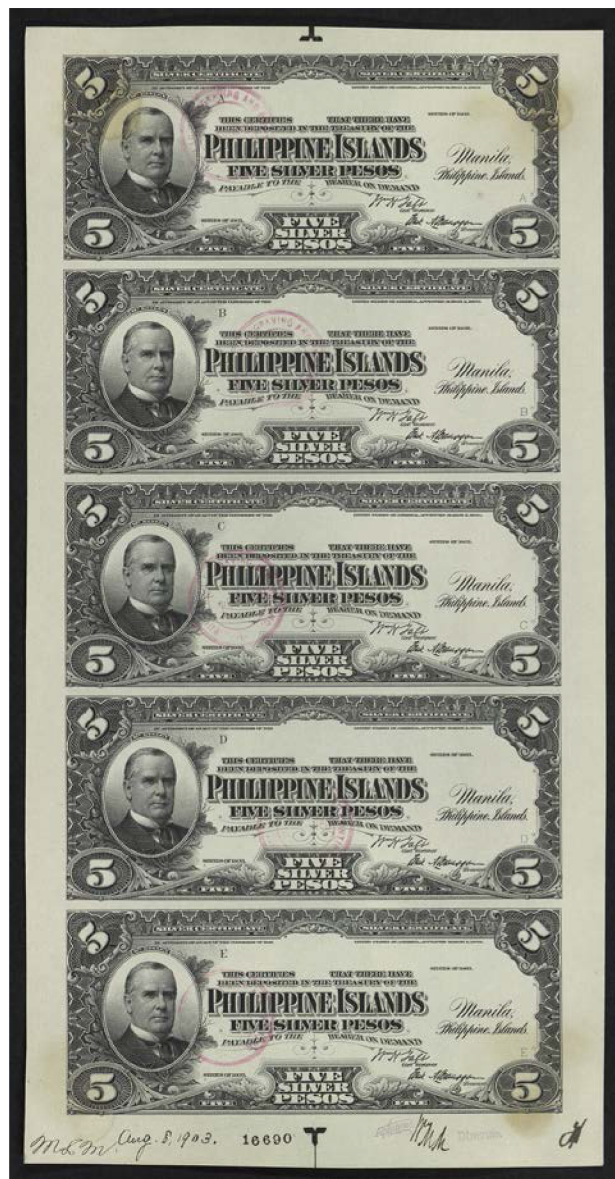
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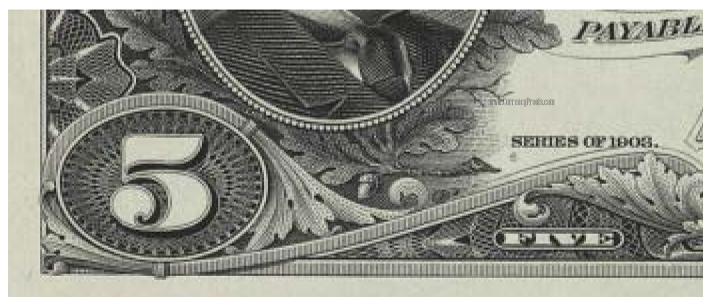
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1903



5 Peso



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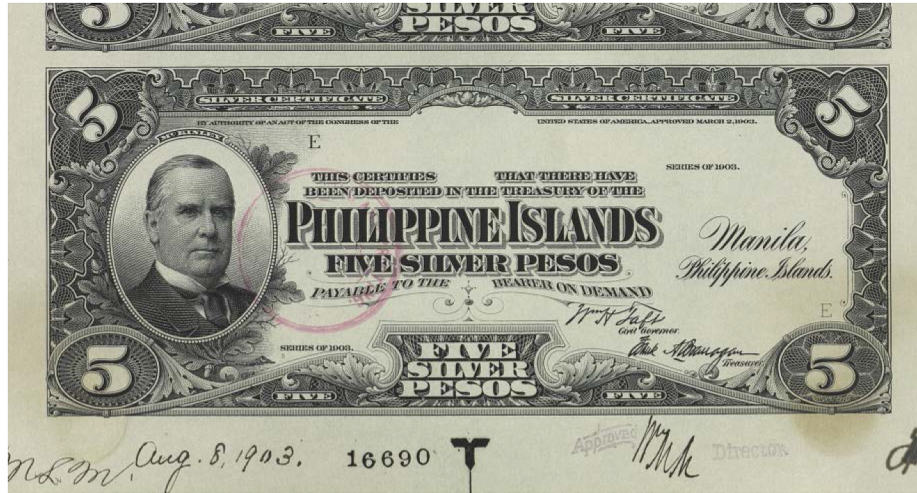
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Silver Certificates (1903 – 1916)

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5 Peso, reverse



5 Peso, tint



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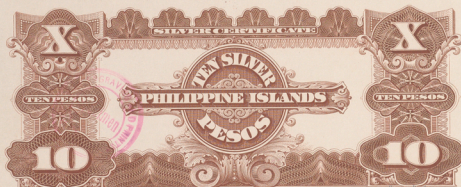
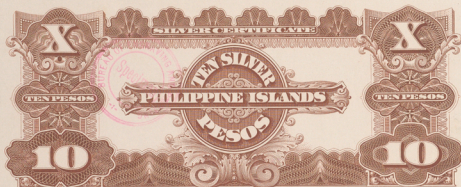


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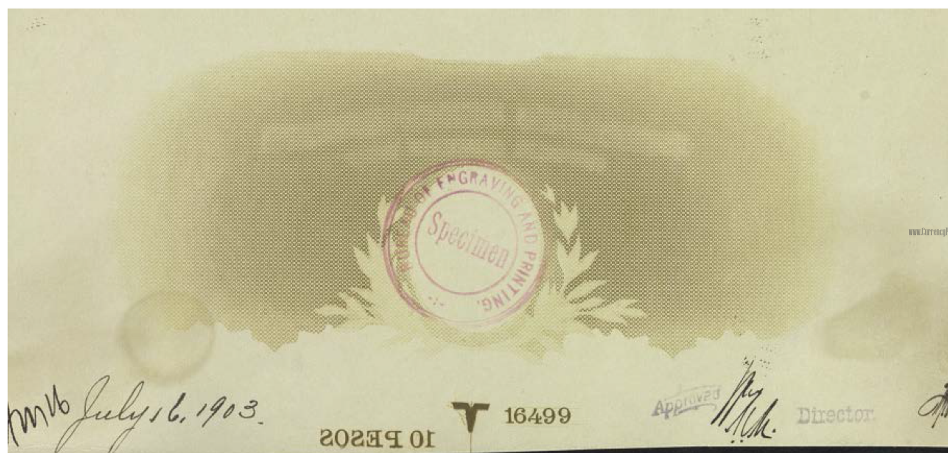
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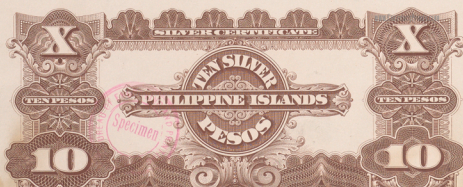
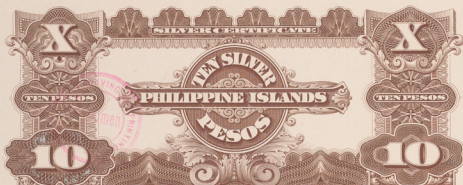


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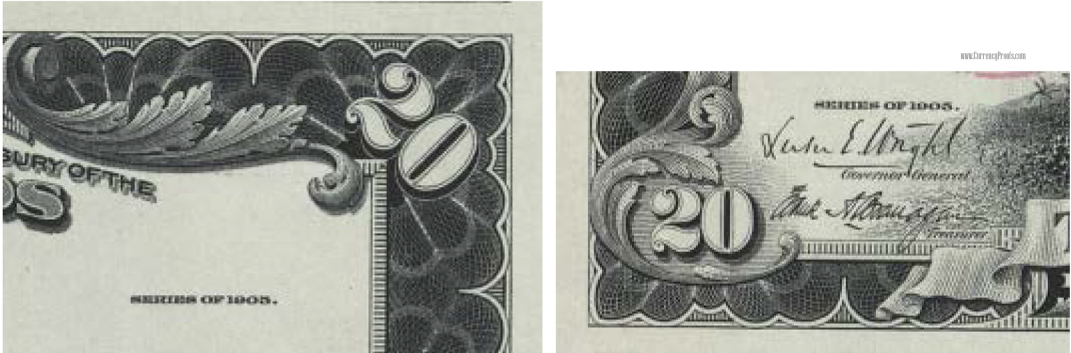
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	50 Pesos	2	2	2+2 (Book)
	100 Pesos	1	1	1
	500 Pesos	1	1	1



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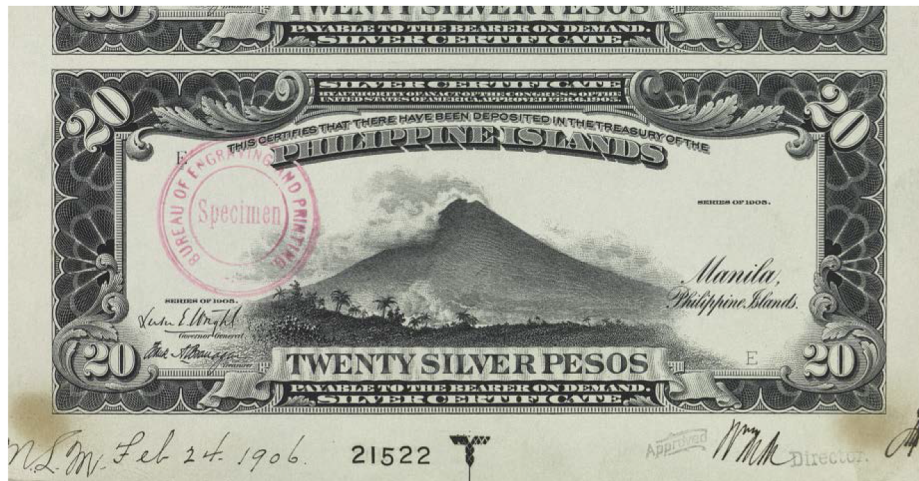
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20 Pesos, tint



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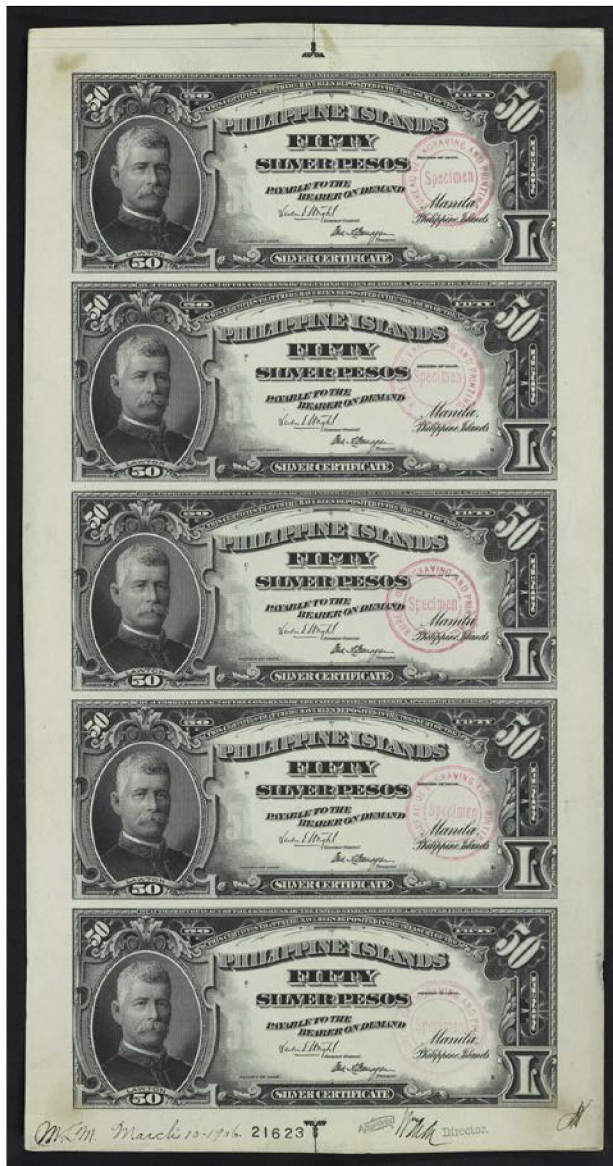
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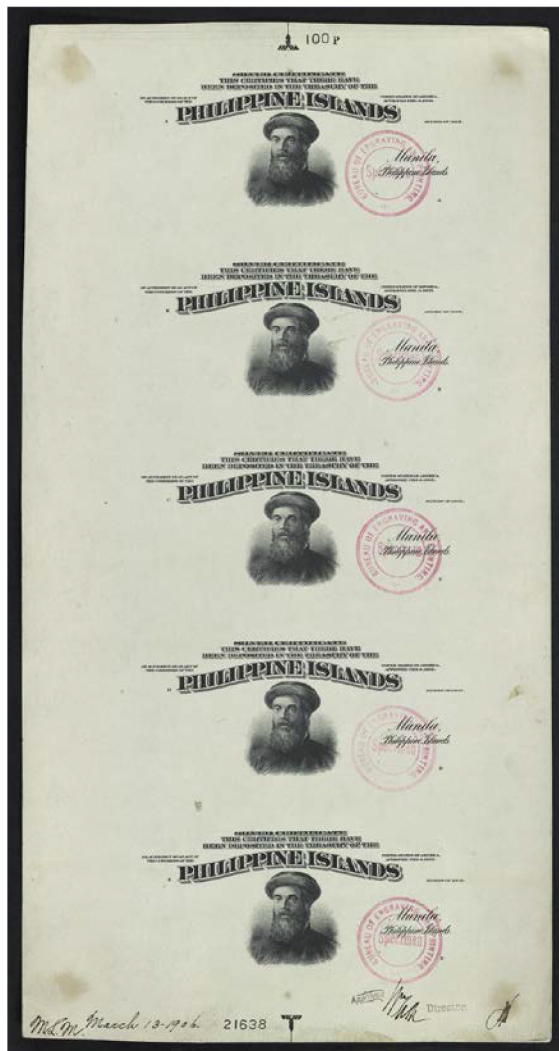
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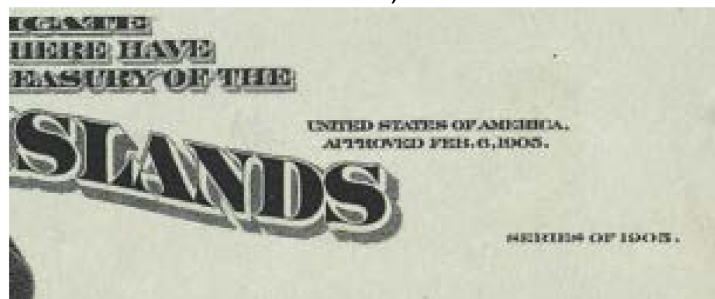
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1905



100 Pesos, front



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100 Pesos, reverse



100 Pesos, tint



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1905



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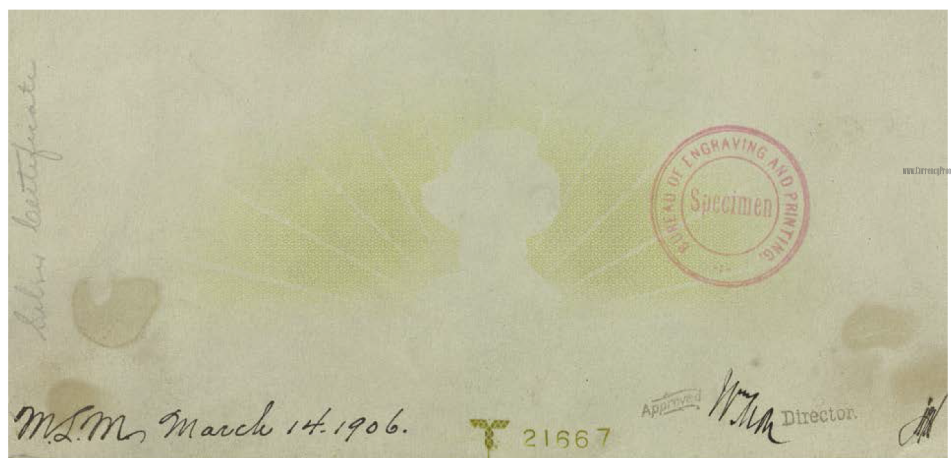
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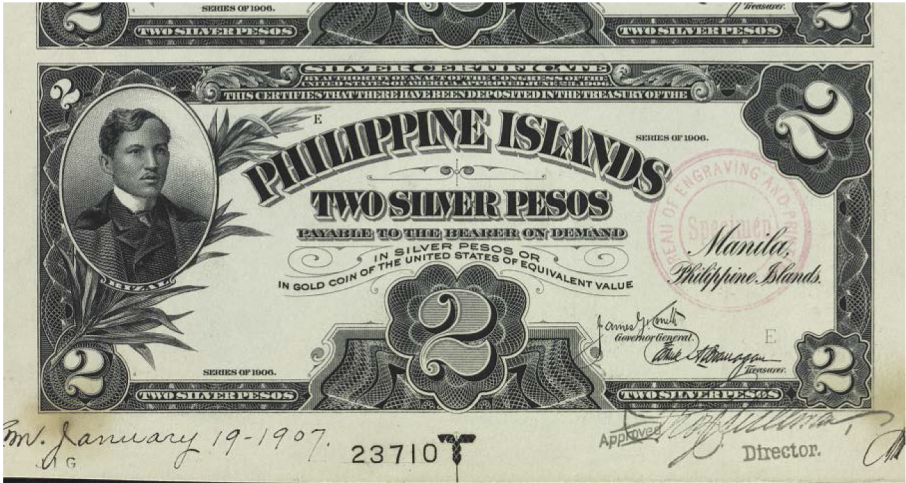
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Silver Certificates (1903 – 1916)

1906

Series/Year	Demonination	Front	Reverse	Tint
1906	2 Pesos	90	44	10
	500 Pesos	4	0*	0*

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2 Pesos



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500 Pesos



January 29, 1907

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Dec. 27, 1906.

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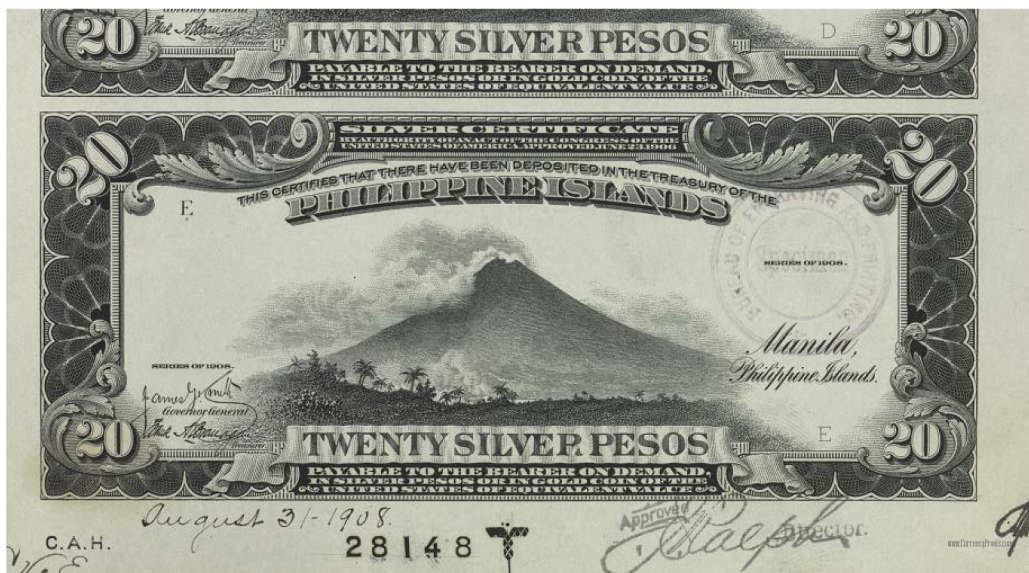
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1908

Series/Year	Demonination	Front	Reverse	Tint
1908	20 Pesos	25	9	0*

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20 Pesos



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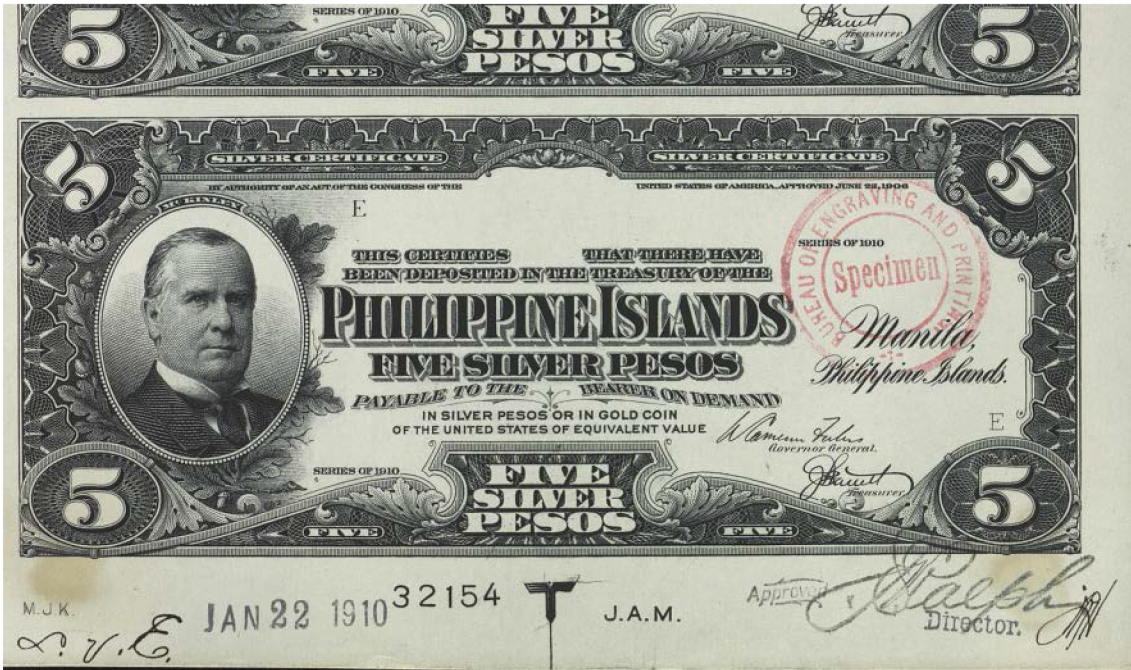
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Series/Year	Demonination	Front	Reverse	Tint
1910	5 Pesos	52	20	3



5 Pesos



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Silver Certificates (1903 – 1916)
1912

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Series/Year	Demonination	Front	Reverse	Tint
1912	10 Pesos	33	13	1



10 Pesos

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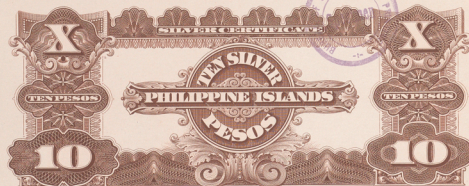
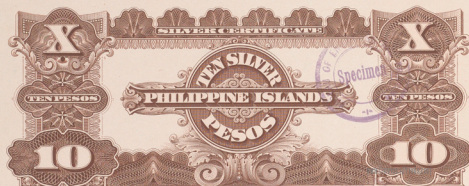
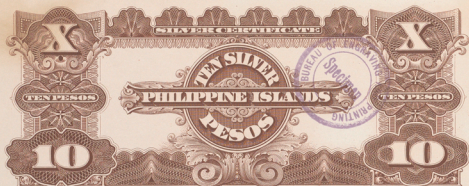
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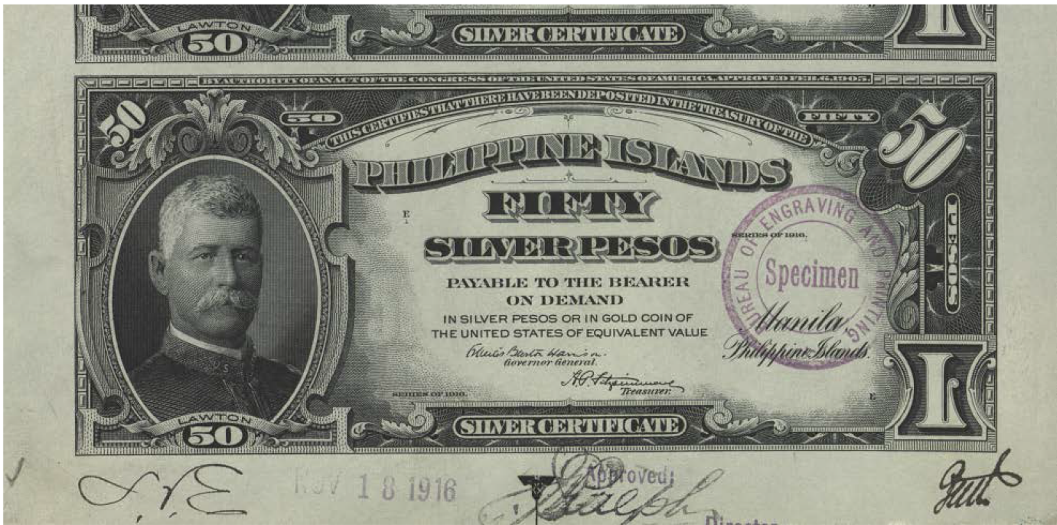
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1916

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Series/Year	Demonination	Front	Reverse	Tint
1916	50 Pesos	1	0*	0*
	100 Pesos	1	0*	1

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50 Peso



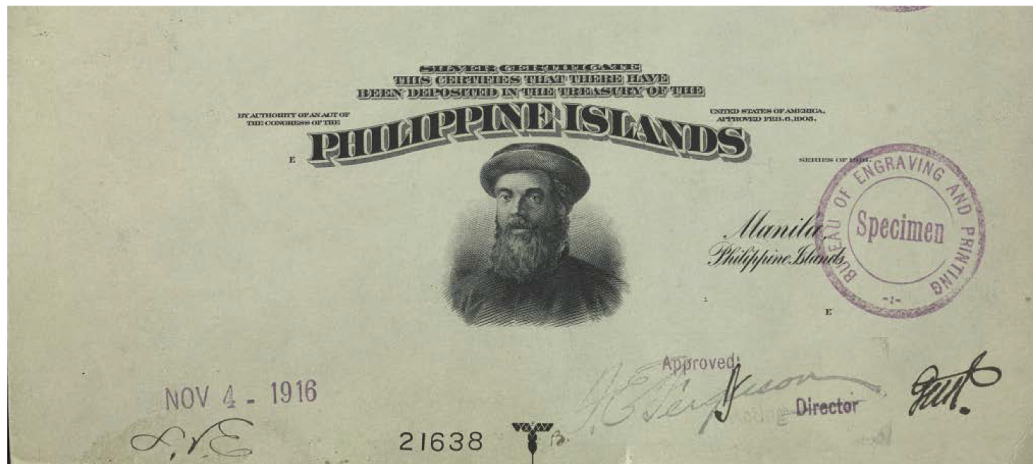
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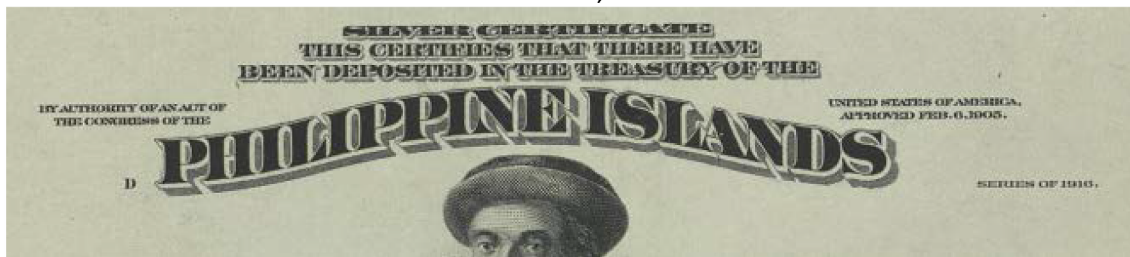
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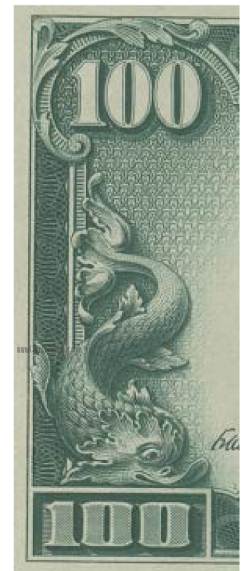
100 Pesos, front



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100 Peso, tint



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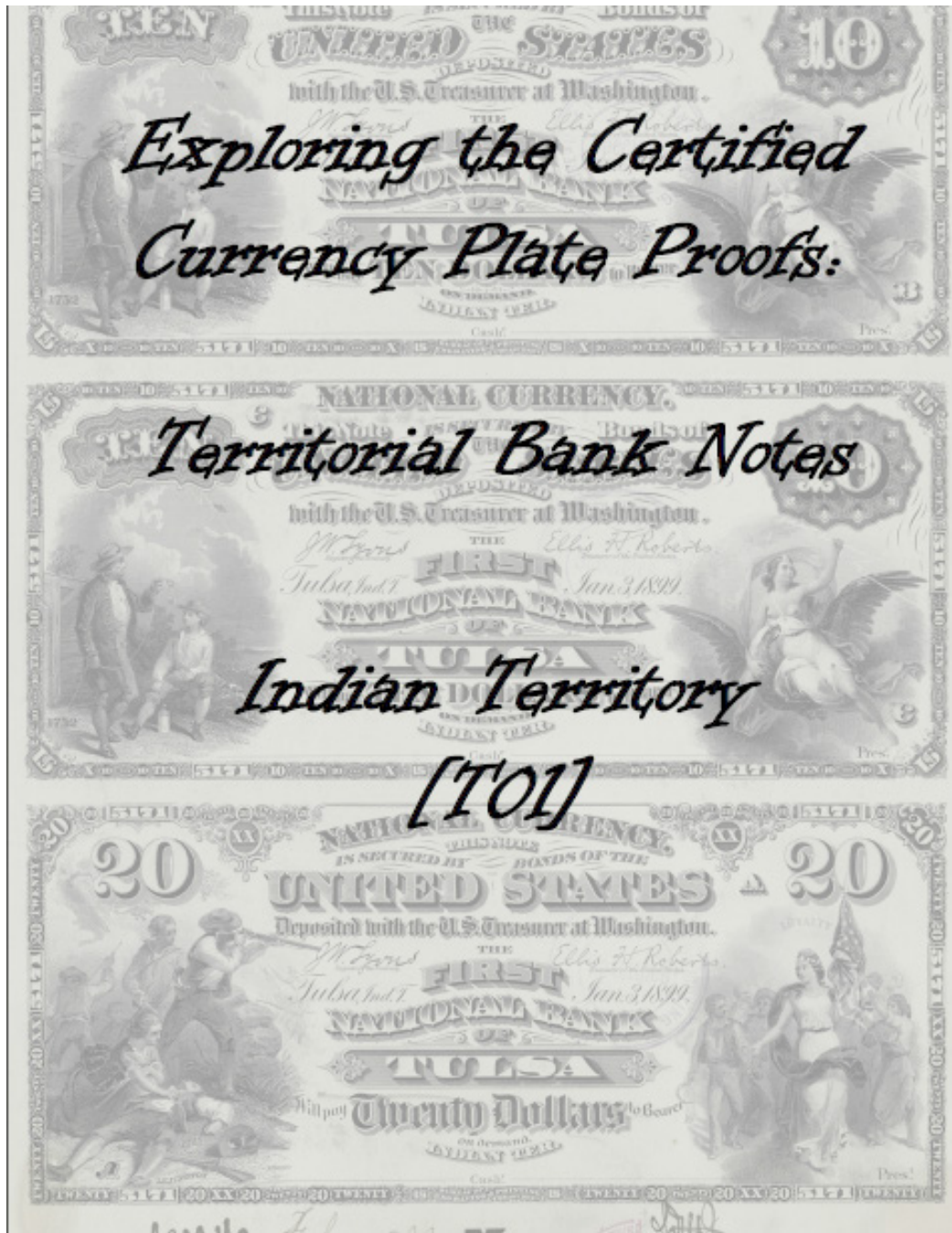


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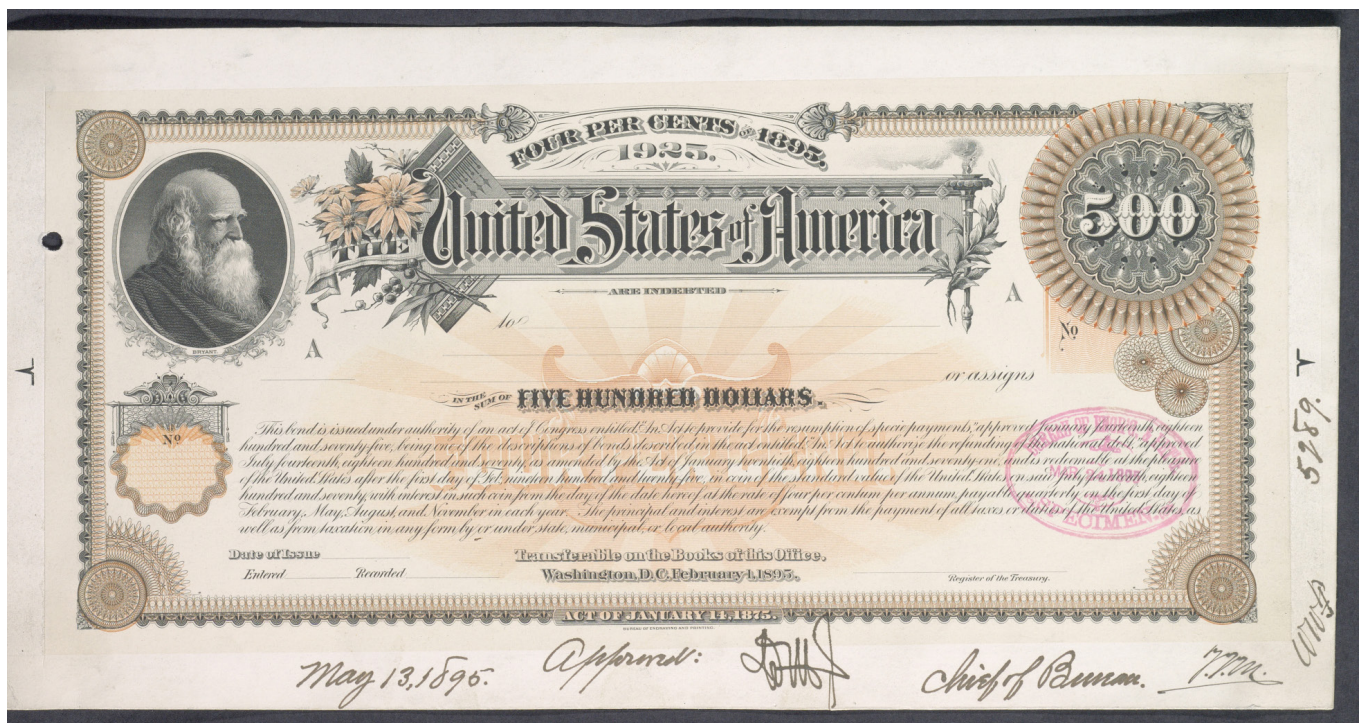
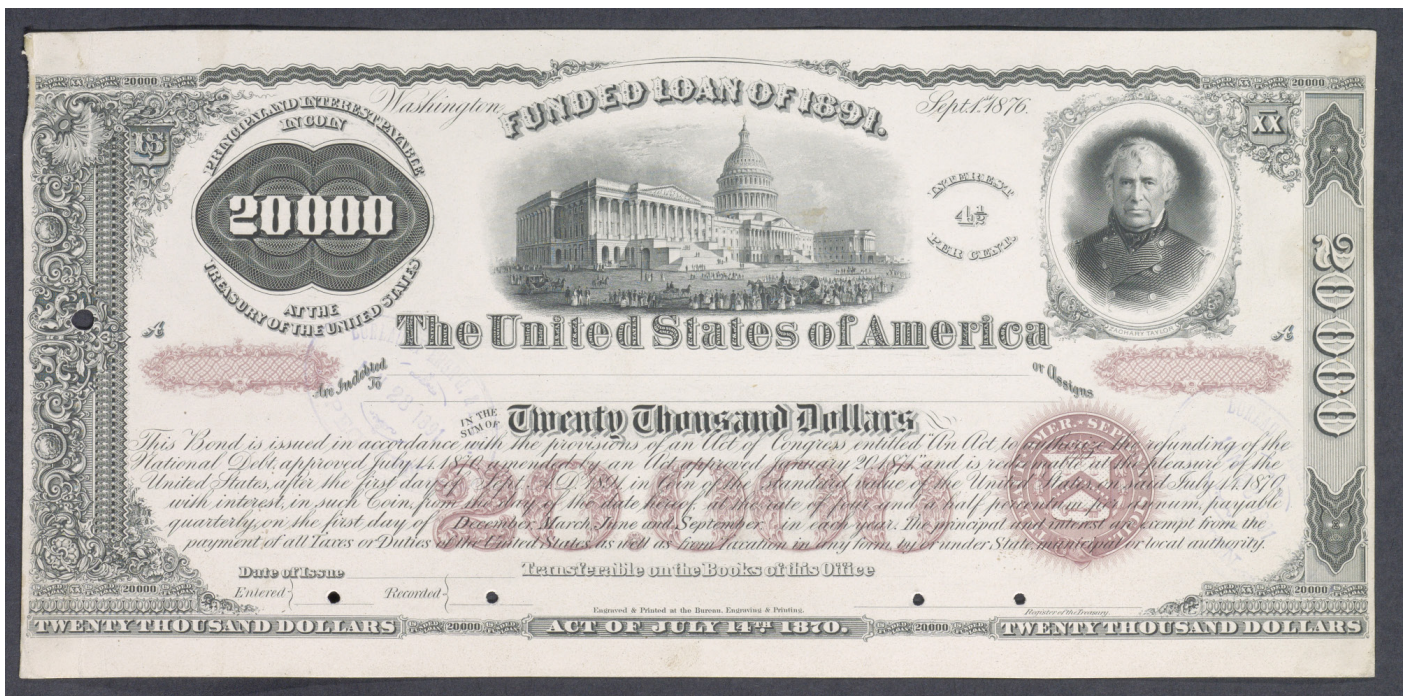


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